

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

HONORING JESSE THOMPSON

HON. BENNIE G. THOMPSON

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 18, 2013

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor a remarkable public servant, Mr. Jesse Thompson who graduated from Jackson State University with a B.S. degree in science education.

Mr. Jesse Thompson began his career with the Pollution Control Commission in 1976 as an environmental aide in the Air Division of the Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ). While in the Air Division, he worked with the Minor Source Permitting, Compliance and Emission Management System. He was also the stack testing expert for Air Sampling. In 1995 he became the State's first Small Business Ombudsman. He was also responsible for managing the Mississippi Small Business Technical Program.

Mr. Thompson is currently the acting Director of the Environmental Resource Center, Environmental Assistance Division Director and the Diversity Coordinator.

Mr. Thompson is married to Judy G. Thompson of Jackson and they have a son (Jason) and a daughter (Janell).

Mr. Thompson is a member of the Greater Mt. Calvary Baptist Church where he is an Ordained Deacon, Chairman of the Trustee Board, Sunday School teacher and the Director of the church's television ministry.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing Mr. Jesse Thompson for his dedication to serving others.

PRESIDENT GERALD R. FORD TRIBUTE

HON. SCOTT R. TIPTON

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. TIPTON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize President Gerald R. Ford's humanitarian involvement in Operation Babylift.

On April 5th, 1975, President Ford launched Operation Babylift, an initiative that rescued over 3,000 orphans from war-torn Vietnam. Throughout the Vietnam War, these children witnessed the destruction of their villages and saw their families torn apart. Thanks to the efforts of President Ford, those children were given the opportunity for a bright future.

This year marks what would have been President Ford's 100th birthday. During his presidency Ford faced many challenges under extraordinary circumstances, and through them worked tirelessly on behalf of the American people with the hope of peace in his heart.

During a time of great uncertainty and fear, President Ford restored faith in humanity as he made the call to commence Operation

Babylift, sending 30 cargo aircrafts to transport over 3,000 Vietnamese orphans out of war-torn Vietnam.

Mr. Speaker, it is an honor to recognize President Gerald R. Ford and his efforts that saved the lives of thousands of children.

PAYING TRIBUTE TO MAJOR GENERAL KARL R. HORST AND 40 YEARS OF DEDICATED SERVICE TO OUR NATION

HON. C.W. BILL YOUNG

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 18, 2013

Mr. YOUNG of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise to pay tribute to Major General Karl R. Horst, United States Army for his extraordinary dedication to duty and selfless service to the United States of America. Major General Horst will be retiring from his present assignment as the Chief of Staff, United States Central Command, MacDill Air Force Base, Tampa Florida.

Major General Karl R. Horst entered the United States Army in June 1973. He attended the United States Military Academy Preparatory School and went on to graduate from the United States Military Academy in 1978 and was commissioned as an Infantry Officer. After his first assignment as an Infantry Lieutenant in Germany, with the 3rd Infantry Division he commanded Infantry units at the Company, Battalion and Brigade levels with the 9th Infantry Division and the famed 82nd Airborne Division. He returned to the 3d Infantry Division in July 2004 as an Assistant Division Commander, serving at Fort Stewart, Georgia and in Baghdad, Iraq. Returning to Fort Bragg in September 2006, he assumed the duties as the Deputy Commanding General, XVIII Airborne Corps and Fort Bragg.

Major General Horst has served in a variety of Joint and Army Staff positions to include his most memorable assignments as an aide-de-camp to the Army Chief of Staff, and a Joint and North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) assignment as the special assistant to the Supreme Allied Commander, Europe. Major General Horst served as the Chief of Staff, 82d Airborne Division; then as the Chief of Staff, XVIII Airborne Corps and Fort Bragg. Karl also commanded the United States Army Military District of Washington and Joint Force Headquarters National Capitol Region. At the Combatant Command level, he served as the Director for Operations, Plans, Logistics and Engineering (J3/J4), United States Joint Forces Command, Norfolk, Virginia and his final assignment was as the Chief of Staff, United States Central Command, MacDill Air Force Base, Tampa Florida.

Mr. Speaker, it has been a pleasure to recognize Major General Horst's long and decorated career today and also the great benefit to the Nation he has provided as a General Officer for the United States Army. We have work closely with Major General Horst to ac-

complish the toughest tasks for our Service Men and Women and Karl has always achieved excellence daily during his tenure. On behalf of a grateful Nation, I join my colleagues today in recognizing and commending Major General Horst for a lifetime of service to his country. For all he and his family have given and continue to give to our country; we are in their debt. We wish him, his wife, Nancy and their three children: Kaitlin, 26, a graduate of the University of North Carolina, and also a Army wife and a graduate student at Gonzaga University; she lives in Vicenza Italy with her husband, Mason; son Paul, 23, graduated from North Carolina State University and is a graduate student at Embry-Riddle University; and daughter Megan, 21, is a senior at North Carolina State University, studying elementary education; she will spend this summer with the Teach for America program all the best wishes as he moves into retirement.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. JIM JORDAN

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 18, 2013

Mr. JORDAN. Mr. Speaker, I was absent from the House floor during last night's three rollcall votes.

Had I been present, I would have voted in favor of H.R. 876, H.R. 253, and H.R. 862.

HONORING PRINCESS DOE AND ALL MISSING CHILDREN

HON. SCOTT GARRETT

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. GARRETT. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to bring to America's remembrance the plight of missing children across our nation. On July 15, 1982—just over 30 years ago—a homicide victim was discovered in Blairstown, New Jersey, which is in the 5th Congressional District. The young victim—just 13 or 14 years of age at the time of her death—was never identified. To us today, she is known as Princess Doe. But to her family and friends, she remains a missing loved one—and each and every day her family lives with the uncertainty of what happened to her more than 30 years ago.

According to the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children, almost 800,000 children under 18 are reported missing each year—or an average of 2,185 each day. Some of these instances have happy endings, and the children are reunited with their families. Sadly, other instances have tragic endings. Princess Doe never came home.

I stand here today to draw attention to the plight of these missing children and their families. Each and every day, families across America pray for the return of their missing

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